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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 2812
Ito et al.)
Serial No. 09/801,025) Examiner: Jackson, Jr., Jerome
Filed: March 7, 2001)
For: DRIVER CIRCUITS AND METHODS)
FOR MANUFACTURING DRIVER)
CIRCUITS)

TRANSMITTAL OF FOURTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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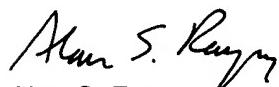
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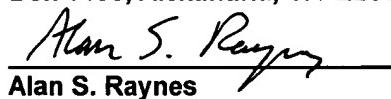
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